

# WSCC Positions

	Type	Title	General Description	Date
1	Position	<a href="#">Burning Off Field Residue of Agricultural Crops</a>  <a href="#">Field Burning of Turf &amp; Field Grasses for Seed Production</a>	<p>WSCC recommends to regulatory agencies that permits for burning field residue be granted only when it is necessary for pest and production control and based on the merits of individual cases approved by conservation district boards.</p> <p>WSCC recognizes the regulatory responsibility of the regulatory responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency, local air pollution control authorities and the Department of Ecology to secure and maintain such levels of air quality. The Commission opposes unnecessary field burning of greases for seed production and to assist and encourage CDs in such a manner that districts will provide land users and regulatory agencies with the best technical recommendations available.</p>	1975
2	Position	<a href="#">Forestry</a>  <a href="#">Service Forestry Program</a>  <a href="#">Forest Stewardship Program</a>	<p>WSCC recognizes the important role forestry plays in the economy of the State and recognizes the responsibilities lie primarily with the non-industrial private woodlot owners.</p> <p>Active partner in the development and implementation of service forestry programs. Commitment in future service forestry programs.</p> <p>America The Beautiful Program Coordination with stewardship. Support and participation.</p>	1/20/77  9/15/88  7/19/90
3	Position	<a href="#">Water Quality Enforcement Actions</a>	Demonstrates the formal support of WSCC to Ecology in taking necessary enforcement action against farmers who willfully refuse to comply with the conservation districts efforts to improve and protect the surface and ground waters of the state.	1/20/94

# WSCC Policies

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1	Policy	<a href="#">Prime Agricultural, Range, Horticulture, and Forest Land</a>  <a href="#">Land Use Policy and Legislation</a>  <a href="#">Criteria for Rating Farmlands of Statewide Importance</a>	<p>WSCC support of public efforts that would protect prime and unique agricultural, range, horticulture and forest lands against indiscriminate conversion to non-farm uses.</p> <p>Support adoption of federal and state land use policy and planning legislation that will encourage and assist local governments to exercise their responsibility for planning and management of land resources based upon careful analysis of the land itself.</p> <p>Determination of agricultural lands of statewide importance. Definition of "Farmlands", Prime or Unique Farmland or other farmland that appropriate state or local government agencies determine to be of statewide importance.</p>	<p>1975</p> <p>3/19/92</p>
2	Policy	<a href="#">Coordinated Resource Planning</a>	WSCC support Coordinated Resource Planning as the approach that best meets the needs and the responsibilities of the land user and public land agencies when such lands intermingle.	1975
3	Policy	<a href="#">Consolidating Conservation District in Multi-District Counties</a>	Advantages of single-county conservation districts	9/21/78
4	Policy	<a href="#">Emergency Policy Position and Action Plan</a>	Emergency and Action plan.	7/7/81
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## WSCC Policy and Position Statements

- Why we have them?
- What do we do with them?
- When are they necessary?
- Should we have them available online?
- What should we call them?
- Review of current positions.

**Position Statement:** Considered a statement/stand being made by the Board regarding a specific issue - An opinion of the collective Board.

**Policies:** Provide directives and procedures to follow for accountability.

**Procedures:** Used for basic administrative functions and considered manuals.

**Resolutions:** A formal expression of opinion, will, or intent voted by an official body or assembled group.

### Future Work Session - Request from Governor Gregoire

Governor Gregoire has asked that the boards and commissions develop bylaws (which are like the administrative policies that the Commission has revised), Ethics Statement and Operating Principles. More information and examples to follow.

## Definitions

### Policy

- Prudence or wisdom in the management of affairs: A management or procedure based primarily on material interest.  
A definite course or method of action selected from among alternatives and in light of given conditions to guide and determine present and future decisions.
- A high-level overall plan embracing the general goals and acceptable procedures especially of a governmental body.

### Procedure

- A particular way of accomplishing something or of acting **b**: a step in a procedure.
- A series of steps followed in a regular definite order <legal *procedure*> <a surgical *procedure*>
- A traditional or established way of doing things - Protocol

### Position

- An act of placing or arranging: as: the laying down of a proposition or thesis or an arranging in order.
- A point of view adopted and held to <made my *position* on the issue clear>.

### Statement

- Something stated as a single declaration or remark. Assertion or a report of facts or opinions.
- An opinion, comment, or message conveyed indirectly usually by nonverbal means.

### Resolution

- The act or process of reducing to simpler form as the act of analyzing a complex notion into simpler ones,
- Something that is resolved <made a *resolution* to mend my ways> or firmness of resolve.
- A formal expression of opinion, will, or intent voted by an official body or assembled group.